

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

SCOTT WILLIAM KYGER,

Plaintiff,

v.

JEAN HILL,

Defendant.

No. CV 05-1674-AS

OPINION AND ORDER

MOSMAN, J.,

On September 18, 2007, Magistrate Judge Ashmanskas issued Findings and Recommendation ("F&R") (#35) in the above-captioned case recommending that Mr. Kyger's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus be DENIED and a judgment of DISMISSAL be entered. Mr. Kyger filed Objections to the F&R (#36).

The magistrate judge makes only recommendations to the court, to which any party may file written objections. The court is not bound by the recommendations of the magistrate judge, but retains responsibility for making the final determination. The court is generally required to make a *de novo* determination of those portions of the report or specified findings or recommendation as to which an objection is made. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). However, the court is not required to review, under a *de novo* or any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the F&R to which no objections are addressed. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328

F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003). While the level of scrutiny under which I am required to review the F&R depends on whether or not objections have been filed, in either case, I am free to accept, reject, or modify any of the magistrate judge's F&R. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C).

Upon review, I agree with Judge Ashmanskas's recommendation, and I ADOPT the F&R as my own opinion.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 13th day of February, 2008.

/s/ Michael W. Mosman
MICHAEL W. MOSMAN
United States District Court